IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A positive electrode active material containing a compound represented by the general formula LixMnyFe1-yPO4, where 0 <x 2 and 0.5 <y< 0.95, wherein a portion of the LixMnyFe1-yPO4 has a grain size not larger than 10 μm, with the Bulnauer Emmet Taylor specific surface area being not less than 0.5 m2/g.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) A positive electrode active material containing a compound represented by the general formula LixMnyFezA1-(y+z)PO4, where 0 < x 2, 0.5 < y < 0.95, 0.5 < y+z < 1 and A is at least one metal element selected from Ti and Ag, wherein a portion of the LixMnyFezA1-(y+z)PO4 has a grain size not larger than 10 μm, with the Bulnauer Emmet Taylor specific surface area being not less than 0.5 m2/g.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) A non-aqueous electrolyte cell comprising:

a positive electrode containing a positive electrode active material;

a negative electrode containing a negative electrode active material; and

an electrolyte interposed between said positive and negative electrodes; wherein

said positive electrode active material contains a compound represented by the general formula LixMnyFe1-yPO4 where 0 < x 2 and 0.5 < y < 0.95, wherein a portion of the LixMnyFe1-yPO4 has a grain size not larger than 10 μm, with the Bulnauer Emmet Taylor specific surface area being not less than 0.5 m2/g.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A non-aqueous electrolyte cell comprising:

a positive electrode containing a positive electrode active material;

a negative electrode containing a negative electrode active material; and

an electrolyte interposed between said positive and negative electrodes; wherein

said positive electrode active material contains a compound represented by the general formula LixMnyFezA1-(y+z)PO4 where 0 < x 2, 0.5 < y < 0.95 and 0.5 < y+z < 1 and wherein A is at least one metal element selected from Ti and Mg, wherein a portion of the LixMnyFezA1-(y+z)PO4 has a grain size not larger than 10 μm, with the Bulnauer Emmet Taylor specific surface area being not less than 0.5 m2/g.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) A positive electrode active material containing a compound represented by the general formula LixMnyB1-yPO4, where 0 < x 2 and 0 < y < 1 and wherein B is a metal element selected from among Ti, Zn, Mg and Co, wherein a portion of the LixMnyB1-yPO4 has a grain size not larger than 10 μm, with the Bulnauer Emmet Taylor specific surface area being not less than 0.5 m2/g.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A positive electrode active material containing a compound represented by the general formula LixMnyB1-yPO4, where 0 < x 2 and 0 < y < 1 and wherein B denotes plural metal elements selected from among Ti, Fe, Zn, Mg and Co, wherein a portion of the LixMnyB1-yPO4 has a grain size not larger than 10 μm, with the Bulnauer Emmet Taylor specific surface area being not less than 0.5 m2/g.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) A non-aqueous electrolyte cell comprising:

a positive electrode containing a positive electrode active material;

a negative electrode containing a negative electrode active material; and

an electrolyte interposed between said positive and negative electrodes; wherein

said positive electrode active material contains a compound represented by the general formula LixMnyB1-yPO4 where 0 < x 2 and 0 < y < 1 and wherein B denotes one metal element selected from among Ti, Zn, Mg and Co, wherein a portion of the LixMnyB1-yPO4 has a grain size not larger than 10 μm, with the Bulnauer Emmet Taylor specific surface area being not less than 0.5 m2/g.

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A non-aqueous electrolyte cell comprising:

a positive electrode containing a positive electrode active material;

a negative electrode containing a negative electrode active material; and

an electrolyte interposed between said positive and negative electrodes; wherein

said positive electrode active material contains a compound represented by the general formula LixMnyB1-yPO4 where 0 < x 2 and 0 < y < 1 and wherein B denotes plural metal elements selected from among Ti, Fe, Zn, Mg and Co, wherein a portion of the LixMnyFe1-yPO4 has a grain size not larger than 10 μm, with the Bulnauer Emmet Taylor specific surface area being not less than 0.5 m2/g.

16. (Canclled).